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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN MEDIA BLASTS PRESIDENT'S LAGOS SPEECH

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1593

1. USING AS POINT OF DEPARTURE QUOTE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER APR 1 SPEECH IN LAGOS, CHARGING THAT FOREIGN TROOPS PLANNING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST PEOPLE OF ERITREA, GOVT DAILY "ETHIOPIAN HERALD" EDITORIAL APR 6 REITERATES MANY OF ITS PAST ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US IN BITTERLY-CRITICAL TERMS AND ADDS A FEW NEW ONES. STARTING WITH "US-IMPOSED VIRTUAL EMBARGO ON ARMS TO ETHIOPIA" IN HER HOUR OF NEED, HYPOCRITICAL US OFFER OF "DEFENSIVE WEAPONS" TO AGGRESSOR SOMALIA, CONNIVING WITH MOGADISHO AGAINST SOVEREIGNTY OF DJIBOUTI, AND SENDING WARSHIPS TO RED SEA FOR DESTABILIZING PURPOSES, EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT INDICATES NEW ATTEMPT BEING MADE BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TO DESTABLIZE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION FROM NORTH, AFTER PREVIOUS EFFORTS ESLEWHERE HAVE FAILED. IT CHARACTERIZES BASELESS US ALLEGATIONS ON "SO-CALLED INTEVENTION OF OUTSIDE POWERS" AS INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS,"FUTILE ATTEPMT TO MISLEAD AFRICAN PUBLIC OPINION",  
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AND AGGRAVATION TO "ALREADY STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES."

2. USING FLORID LANGUAGE, SUCH AS "GANGSTER LOGIC AND GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY", EDITORIAL DRAGS IN VIET NAM AND OTHER PAST INSTANCES OF "INTERVENTION OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM", DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITIES IN U.S. AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

IT ADVISES PRESIDENT TO DIRECT HIS ATTENTIONS TOWARDS ITS "CLIENTS"  
IN HORN REGION, IF HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE."

3. ALTHOUGH EDITORIAL DRAWS NO CONCLUSIONS, IT IS CAREFULLY AND  
AUTHORITATIVELY DRAFTED AND ALMOST CERTAINLY REFLECTS REASONS  
WHY, IN ETHIOPIAN VIEW, BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE "TENSE", AS MOFA  
AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DESCRIBED THEM TO CHARGE PREVIOUS EVENING.  
WE CAN EXPECT ANOTHER PUBLIC BLAST, ONCE GOVT HAS HAD TIME TO DIGEST  
U.S. ABSTENTION ON IDA GRAIN STORAGE AND MARKETING LOAN ON COM-  
PENSATION GROUNDS.  
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